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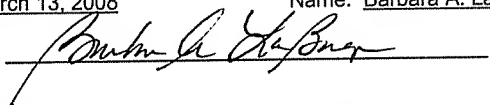
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In re Application of Fred T. Parker

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Examiner

Anuradha Ramana

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-13, 15-20, 22 and 23.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1))

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